

REMARKS

Claims 1-75 are pending as of the Office Action of April 20, 2007. Claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 13, 24, 27-29, 33- 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 45, 46, 48, 49, and 75 are amended with this Response. In this Office Action the Examiner requires Applicant to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Particularly, the Examiner identifies Groups I-XXIX, which correspond to Embodiments 1-29 and Figures 1-29 (please see pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action).

First, Applicant respectfully asserts that the following species Groups correspond with the Applicant's claims in the manner presented below:

Examiner-defined Species Group	Figures	Claims
Group I	1A-1B	1 (currently amended), 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 24, 26, 38, 40, 41, 42, 45, 48, 65, 75 (currently amended)
Group II	2	27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 38, 40
Group III	3	36, 38, 40, 42, 46
Group IV	4A-4B	38, 40, 42, 46
Group V	5A-5B	38, 40, 42, 46
Group VIII	8A-8B	15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 46
Group X	10	15
Group XV	15	11, 12, 48
Group XVI	16	15, 38, 40, 42, 46
Group XVII	17A-17B	49 (currently amended)

In light of the above, and in reply to the restriction requirement, Applicants herein provisionally elects Group I, embodiment 1, Figures 1A and 1B, which corresponds to claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 24, 26, 38, 40, 41, 42, 45, 48, 65, and 75. Applicant makes this election with traverse based on the following.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the subject matter of the independent claims 1 and 75 and the claims dependent therefrom and listed in the above table (i.e. claims 1, 6-8, 11-12, 15-24, 26-27, 29-32, 34, 36, 38, 40-42, 45, 46, 48, 49, 65 and 75), and depicted in the above Figures, refer to aspects of the disclosed invention, and may be part of a single patent for at least the below reasons.

Figures 1A and 1B depict an image displaying device for displaying an incident image against a scene image of a scene, as claimed in claim 1, and operated as claimed in claim 75. Figures 2, 3, 4A-4B and 5A-5B depict variants which depend on the device depicted in Figures 1A-1B. Figures 8A-8B depict a variant which depends on the device depicted in Figures 1A-1B, in that Figures 8A-8B include reflection in two axes, instead of one axis in Figures 1A-1B. Figure 10 depicts a variant which depends on the device depicted in Figures 1A-1B, in that Figure 10 refers to superimposition of a plurality of images, instead of one image as in Figures 1A-1B. Figures 15 and 16 depict variants which depend on the device depicted in Figures 1A-1B, in that Figures 15 and 16 refer to transmitting an image toward two eyes, instead of one eye as in Figures 1A-1B. Figures 17A-17B depict a variant which depend on the device depicted in Figures 1A-1B, in that Figures 17A-17B refer to projecting two images from two sides of the image displaying device, instead of from one direction as in Figures 1A-1B.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner-defined species listed in the above table (and claims 1, 6-8, 11-12, 15-24, 26-27, 29-32, 34, 36, 38, 40-42, 45, 46, 48, 49, 65 and 75 that correspond therewith) should be included in a single Application. The remaining claims 2-5, 9-10, 14, 25, 35, 37, 39, 43-44, 47, 50-64, and 66-74 are respectfully withdrawn from the present application.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the withdrawn claims in a related application(s) without prejudice.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested. The foregoing is believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the below-listed phone number regarding this Response or otherwise concerning the present application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time necessary under 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) or 1.136(b).

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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